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'SUMMIT' HOSTED BY V CORPS' 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION BRINGS MORE THAN 100 OF IRAQ'S 'REBUILDERS' TOGETHER

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TIKRIT, Iraq —More than 100 military and civilian personnel involved in the rebuilding of Iraq attended an engineer summit hosted by V Corps' 1st Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Danger here Oct. 18.

The purpose of the day-long summit was to “optimize delivery of quality and timely construction projects to the Iraqi people,” organizers said.

The conference consisted of panel sessions aimed at discussion of an array of topics from contracting procedures and requirements to regional structure and communications.

“This summit is important because it brings together all of the decision-makers in one room so we can discuss things that have worked, things that haven't worked so well, what needs to get fixed and how to fix them,” said Maj. Kip A. Korth, the 1st Infantry Division's liaison officer with the Gulf Region District North of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Korth said the conference will help expedite the country's reconstruction process.

“The overlying reason for the summit is to develop ideas to get the projects to the local regions, as opposed to being managed strictly in Baghdad,” he said.

A major goal is to involve Iraqis in each region of the country to become involved with the rebuilding process, Korth noted.

This is the second engineer summit in Iraq. The first was in Baghdad in August.

